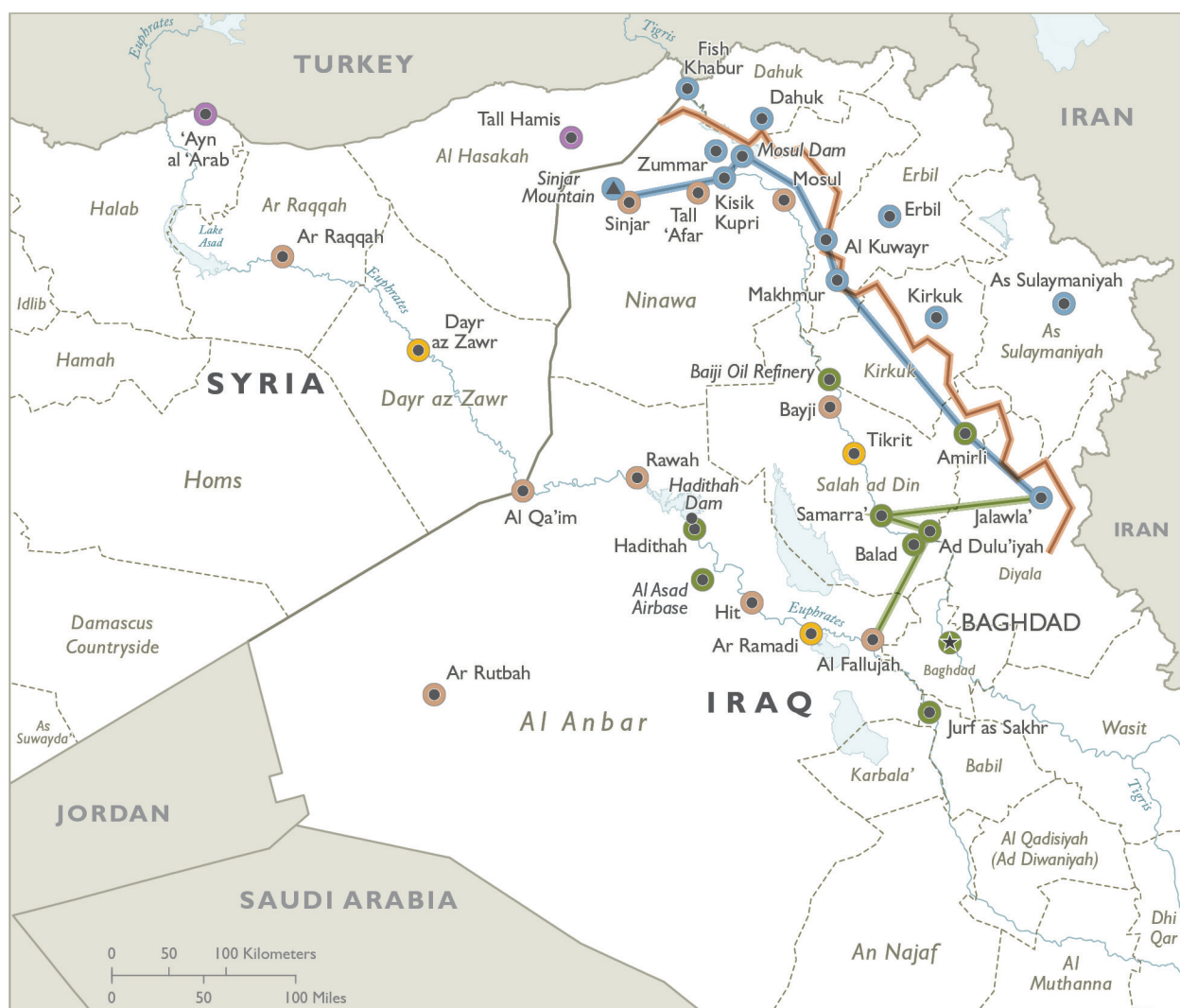


Iraq and Syria: ISIL's Reduced Operating Areas as of March 2015

Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's (ISIL) frontlines in much of northern and central Iraq have been pushed back since August. ISIL can no longer operate freely in roughly 20-25 percent of populated areas of Iraqi territory where they once could. These areas translate into approximately 11,000-13,500 square kilometers (4,100-5,200

square miles). However, because of the dynamic nature of the conflict in Iraq and Syria, this estimate could be higher or lower depending on daily fluctuations in the battle lines. With the exception of its withdrawal from 'Ayn al 'Arab and Tall Hamis, ISIL's area of influence in Syria remains largely unchanged.



Frontline Division

- ISIL's maximum range of northern advance as of August 2014
- Approximate frontline between ISIL and Iraqi Security Forces as of March 2015
- Approximate frontline between ISIL and Kurdish forces as of March 2015

Dominant Group

- Syrian Kurd
- ISIL
- Iraqi Kurdish security forces
- Iraqi Government
- Contested city

--- Administrative boundary

Note: Our judgment as to which group has dominant influence over a particular city is based on a body of unclassified sources that we deem reliable.